

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

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Title: ***PROCESS FOR PRODUCING RECOMBINANT PROTEIN IN  
BACTERIUM BELONGING TO THE GENUS RHODOCOCCUS***  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the non-final Office action dated April 29, 2008, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 4 of this document, and include an attached replacement drawing sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this document.